

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 05904 220808Z

10

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 IO-13 ISO-00 FEA-01 AGR-05 CEA-01

CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-03 H-02 INR-07 INT-05

L-03 LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 AID-05 CIEP-01 SS-15

ITC-01 TRSE-00 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 OMB-01 /109 W

----- 045044

R 220735Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8656

INFO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION GENEVA

USDEL MTN GENEVA

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 5904

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: SPECIALTY STEEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN

REF: STATE 095362

1. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON APRIL 21 KINOSHITA AT MITI
RAISED QUESTION OF SECOND ROUND OF SPECIALTY STEEL TALKS WITH
ECON COUNS AND CONFIRMED THE APRIL 30-MAY 4 SCHEDULING FOR
THE SECOND ROUND.

2. KINOSHITA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE DOUBTED SECOND ROUND OF
TALKS WOULD PRODUCE A SPECIALTY STEEL AGREEMENT. ECON
COUNS NOTED THAT ITI MINISTER KOMOTO HAD BEEN QUOTED IN THE
PRESS APRIL 16 TO THE SAME EFFECT, AND SAID THAT SUCH AD-
VANCE STATEMENTS SUGGEST THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT BEING
TAKEN SERIOUSLY. HOWEVER, OUR SIDE WANTS SERIOUS DIS-
CUSSIONS OF THIS PROBLEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE JAPANESE
HAVE TO CONSIDER THEIR POSITION AND THAT OF OTHER SUPPLIER
COUNTRIES CAREFULLY, BUT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 05904 220808Z

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.

3. KINOSHITA ASKED ABOUT THE MAY 20 DEADLINE FOR THE COMPLETION OF AN AGREEMENT, INDICATING THAT HE THOUGHT MORE TIME MIGHT BE REQUIRED. ECON COUNS REMARKED THAT MAY 20 DEADLINE IS FIRM AND THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TALKS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED EVEN EARLIER. KINOSHITA SAID THAT THE JAPANESE WANT TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT SWEDEN AND THE EC DO. WE RESPONDED THAT EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE WAITING FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO GO FIRST AND THAT, IF NO OMAS ARE CONCLUDED, THEN ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS WILL HAVE TO EXPECT A UNILATERAL DECLARATION.

4. COMMENT: A THIRD ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE SEEMS INCREASINGLY LIKELY. BY THAT TIME OR BEFORE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GOOD TACTICS IF WE HAD WELL IN MID THE CONTENT OF A UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ON SPECIALITY STEEL. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER YOSHINO CLEARLY FAVORS CONCLUSION OF AN OMA (REFTEL), A FIRM POSITION ON OUR SIDE WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONVINCE MITI. WE DO NOT THINK THAT KINOSHITA HIMSELF IS AN OBSTACLE, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE HINTING STRONGLY THAT SOME DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY IF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS TO BE CONCLUDED.
HODGSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEGOTIATIONS, TRADE AGREEMENTS, STEELS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TOKYO05904
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760152-0684
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760432/aaaabavt.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 95362
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 APR 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <27 JUL 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SPECIALTY STEEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN
TAGS: ETRD, JA, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006